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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 88.

FRIDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity for an inquiry into banking operations and their effect upon Australia's economic position".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Scullin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, Cases, Trunks, Purses, Wallets, &c.
Manufactures of Metals, n.e.i.
Photograph Frames, Picture Frames, &c.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 2 of 1933—
Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
Financial Emergency Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 34.
4. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (1932) AND AMENDMENT (NO. 1)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff of the 13th October, 1932, (pages 355-430) and Amendment (No. 1) of the 8th March, 1933 (pages 535-558).]

Group 5 continued—

Item 9, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
9. Spirituous Preparations, viz. :—		
(A) Fluid Extracts, Sarsaparilla, Tinctures and Infusions, containing—		
(1) Not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon	7s. 6d.	7s. 9d.
(2) More than 25 per cent., but not more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit - - - per gallon	15s.	15s. 6d.
(3) More than 50 per cent., but not more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit - - - per gallon	22s. 6d.	23s. 3d.
(4) More than 75 per cent. of proof spirit, but not over proof - - - per gallon	30s.	31s.
(5) Over proof - - - per proof gallon	30s.	31s.
(B) Essences, Fruit Ethers Aromas and Flavours, Limejuice and other Fruit Juices and Fruit Syrups, Spirituous preparations n.e.i., containing—		
(1) Not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon	7s. 6d.	7s. 9d.
(2) More than 25 per cent., but not more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit - - - per gallon	15s.	15s. 6d.
(3) More than 50 per cent., but not more than 75 per cent. of proof spirit - - - per gallon	22s. 6d.	23s. 3d.
(4) More than 75 per cent. of proof spirit, but not over proof - - - per gallon	30s.	31s.
(5) Over proof - - - per proof gallon	30s.	31s.
and as to all the goods covered by paragraphs (1) (2) (3) (4) and (5) of sub-item (B) - - - ad val.	30 per cent.	50 per cent.

31st March, 1933.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to Item 9 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of Item 9 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Item 11, sub-item (B), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(B) Ethereal Fruit Essences and Artificial Fruit Essences Ethers Aromas and Flavours, non-spirituous, n.e.i. - - - - - per lb. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	3s. 6d. 30 per cent.	5s. 50 per cent.

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (B) of Item 11 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (B) of Item 11 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 44, sub-item (c), paragraph (2) ; Item 53, sub-item (c) ; agreed to.

Item 54, sub-item (A), debated and agreed to.

Item 74, sub-item (c) ; Item 78, sub-item (G) ; Item 82, sub-items (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F)—taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 85 debated and agreed to.

Item 104, sub-item (B), agreed to.

Item 110, sub-items (A), (B), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
110. (A) Apparel, other than knitted, viz. :— * * * * *	*	*
(B) Apparel, knitted, and Apparel made from knitted or lock- stitched piece goods, viz. :— * * * * *	*	*
and in addition to the rates specified in sub-items (A) and (B) ad val.	30 per cent.	50 per cent.
or, as to all the goods covered by sub-items (A) and (B), the following rates if same return a higher duty, viz. :— - ad val.	60 per cent.	75 per cent.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, That the sub-items be amended by omitting all fixed rates of duty and the ad valorem duty of 30 per cent. (British Preferential Tariff) and 50 per cent. (General Tariff). Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Sub-items agreed to.

Item 112, sub-item (A), sub-item (B), paragraph (2)—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Gander, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutchin, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Rosevear, and Mr. Thorby.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.